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I thought we had finally settled the case against Microsoft but I now hear that 9 states have decided to go against the settlement and continue the case. How absurd? Let's put this action to bed. Enough is enough. We have far more serious problems to worry about than a bogus lawsuit.

Without Microsoft's initiative in producing quality software this country would not have produced the gains in productivity that helped this country over the last 7 to 10 years. Now these states want to "penalize" the company further because they have created something that their competitors could not have. Where is the sense and reason for this action. This country was built on innovation, hard work and creativity!!! Now we are letting those who feel, since they didn't invent it, its something bad and injurious to their company. That's just plain b.s. Microsoft products have always been open and competitive. Let's let them continue to innovate and help us to move forward. For those companies that are not that creative, well maybe they should "fall by the wayside." Let us not punish the good for those who are not as smart. I am a taxpayer and a consumer that feels strongly that you must not stifle creativity for the benefit of those that are just not that bright and creative. Go Microsoft!

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